

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2010
6:00 PM

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Baker; Co-chair, A. Ayala, dePara

NON-COMMITTEE: Council President McCarthy - *sat in to make a quorum*

OTHERS: Associate City Attorney Trachtenburg
Ted Graybar

Co-chair Baker called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm.

Approval of Committee Minutes: Public Hearing June 21, 2010; June 22, 2010

**** COUNCIL MEMBER T. McCARTHY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

108-09 Proposed amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 13.10 The City of Bridgeport Energy Improvement District and Energy Improvement District Board, amend Section 13.10.030 Board, Subsection A.

Attorney Trachtenburg submitted the original amendment for the city clerk's record.

Attorney Trachtenburg stated that the Energy Improvement District was created in June 2008. As a concept of the program development, the city put together a steering committee to focus on structure and the birth of the Energy Improvement District. She updated that during meetings with the team, the structure of the board was created and diverse interest and specialized capabilities were discussed with the long term effects determined: 1) that they should have a sufficient quorum 2) there should be a wide

expertise on the committee. It was then decided that the nature of the board needed to be expanded and diverse complexities needed to be mentioned. She went on to explain that the program will be stimulus funded and a consultant or staff person will oversee the program. She noted that overseeing the consultant is a difficult thing as an entity, so some board members were increased to include city administration.

Ted Graybar stated that there were several projects in the works. One of them is the Energy Improvement District that will help to offset the cost energy; such as rooftop energy and landfill maintenance. This will require an area of expertise, so that's why they decided to expand the board. He clarified that hopefully, they will receive stimulus funds to expand the board, noting that this program is a part of the Mayor's initiative to help save costs.

Co-chair Baker commented that it was an excellent idea that the city needs as far as savings.

Co-chair Baker referred to Section-13, the last page of the amendment under A. - the crossed out information was reviewed. Co-chair Baker asked if the person that will be appointed to the board will be required to be a city resident. Attorney Trachtenburg said there are seven (7) voting members; three (3) are city administration staff and the other four (4) will have to be voting members in Bridgeport. As for the non-voting members, it will be opened up to people outside of Bridgeport. She added that there are appointments by the Mayor that will require the approval of the city council.

Co-chair Baker asked who will qualify to serve on the board. Attorney Trachtenburg said they have to be speaking for the ownership.

Council member McCarthy stated there will be seven voting members. He asked if the four regular voting members will have to be business owners or electors of the City of Bridgeport. Attorney Trachtenburg said yes or they will have to be city voters.

Council member Ayala asked if the council will be able to find out more background information about the voting members. Attorney Trachtenburg said that could be done.

Council member McCarthy asked if the five (5) ex-officio voters will be elected by the Mayor. Attorney Trachtenburg said the resolution reads like that. Council member McCarthy requested to add the following language to the resolution to read: *there should be approval for the four (4) remaining ex-officio members, who shall be appointed by the Mayor, by approval of the city council.*

**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MOVED TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION TO ADD THE NEW LANGUAGE IN ITALICS IN PARAGRAPH A. TO READ:**

A. THE BOARD OF THE DISTRICT SHALL CONSIST OF SEVEN VOTING MEMBERS. THE VOTING MEMBERS SHALL BE THE CITY'S CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE, THE CITY'S DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE, THE CITY'S DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC FACILITIES OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE AND FOUR ELECTORS OR REPRESENTATIVES OF BUSINESSES LOCATED IN THE DISTRICT, WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR WITH THE APPROVAL BY THE CITY COUNCIL. THE BOARD OF THE DISTRICT SHALL ALSO CONSIST OF FIVE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS, ONE OF WHICH SHALL BE THE MAYOR; *THE FOUR REMAINING OF WHICH SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL.* THE TERMS OF THE CITY'S DIRECTORS SHALL NOT EXPIRE. THE TERMS OF THE ORIGINALLY APPOINTED MEMBERS SHALL EXPIRE AS FOLLOWS: ONE EX OFFICIO MEMBER ON DECEMBER 31, 2011; ONE VOTING MEMBER AND ONE EX OFFICIO MEMBER ON DECEMBER 31, 2012; ONE VOTING MEMBER ON DECEMBER 31, 2013; ONE VOTING MEMBER AND ONE EX OFFICIO MEMBER ON DECEMBER 31, 2014; ONE VOTING MEMBER AND ONE EX OFFICIO MEMBER ON DECEMBER 31, 2015. THEREAFTER, UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THESE ORIGINAL TERMS, ALL THE TERMS SHALL BE A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS. ANY VACANCY SHALL BE FILLED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT. THE MAYOR SHALL BE EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE BOARD. NO MEMBER MAY SERVE MORE THAN TEN CONSECUTIVE YEARS. THE BOARD MEMBERS SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION, EXCEPT FOR REASONABLE AND NECESSARY EXPENSES.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council member McCarthy said when they first did the Energy Improvement District, they spoke about the downtown area with high rises. He asked if they were also talking about implementing a solar system design for the high rises. Mr. Graybar said they are planning an overlay for the entire city that will maximize improvement for energy in the entire city.

Attorney Trachtenburg said one challenge they were facing was that if they want to generate energy from a location, it couldn't then be moved across the street. There are

pockets in the city, such as near the Agriculture School where they will be able to maximize energy.

Co-Baker asked if the new process of creating the board will be leaving some citizens out that may be qualified. Council member McCarthy responded that the city council could review that and have the ability to send it back if they're not satisfied.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION
AS AMENDED**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MOVED TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC
HEARING PRIOR TO THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services